

The Two Brothers  
Luke 15:11-32

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Brother – (vv. 11-24)
  - a. An attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ – (vv. 11-12)
  - b. An attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ – (vv. 13-16)
  - c. An attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ – (vv. 17-20a)
  - d. An attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ – (vv. 20b-24)
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Brother – (vv. 25-32)
  - a. An outward attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ – (vv. 25-29)
  - b. An inward attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ – (vv. 30-32)

**To Go**

1. **Love God Passionately** – Which of the two brothers are you most like? Confess to God any attitude of entitlement, control, or self-righteousness.
2. **Love Others Intentionally** - Identify someone in your life that appears to be out of fellowship with God. Take some time this week to intentionally pray for and love on them.
3. **Serve the World Sacrificially** – Read through this parable again. Pay close attention to the father's response in vv. 20b-24. Because serving the world generously is expressed through gospel-centered living, extend grace to someone who is undeserving.

# At Home Study Guide

For the week of March 4, 2018

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*Bethel's Mission is described simply as **Love God – Love Others – Serve the World**. These phrases are the basis for our Vision and Values. As you consider the passage this week, look at it through the lens of our Mission/Vision/Values and allow it to clarify what you believe and guide how you live.*

To get the context of the passage, read Luke 15:1-2 and notice how Luke points out two groups of people at the beginning of the three parables: the sinners (v. 1) and the religious leaders (v. 2). How does Jesus depict each group as one or the other of the two sons?

Both sons, at some point in the parable, are “lost” to the father, but they are lost in different ways. How is the younger son lost? What does he seek instead of the love of the father? Why does he return?

The older son, beginning in v. 25, shows his lostness as well. He is running from the father's love, as the younger son. How is the older son lost? How does he run from the father through his actions?

Why doesn't the older son return to the father? Why does he reject the father when the father comes out to him?

Which son are you like? How have you run from God the Father's love and sought to find meaning in something or someone else other than Jesus? What do you need to repent of and come back to the Father's love?